

# The Snyder Signal

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SNYDER, Scurry County, Texas, Friday, March 10, 1915

NUMBER FORTY

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

ROUTINE BUSINESS—CONTRACT SIGNED BETWEEN CITY AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

### ALDERMAN CURNUTTE RESIGNS

Important Ordinances Adopted—Telephone Company Demanded to Lower Localities

The following accounts were allowed and secretary instructed to draw warrants for same: Ed. Palmer for labor on streets, \$82; E. G. Abbott hauling rubbish \$2.45, hauling cinders, \$1.20; First State Bank, box rent, \$1.00; Snyder Lumber Company nails \$7.70. The City Secretary was instructed to draw warrant for \$10.00 to defray expense of supplies furnished Aldogd family.

The plumbers' bonds of W. L. Shaw, Ed. Ward and R. J. Casarotes were read and approved, effective until Jan. 1, 1916.

The following ordinance was then read, approved, and adopted:

"An ordinance granting to E. F. Renken, his heirs, successors or assigns, the right to erect, maintain and operate electric light and power poles, wires, other necessary equipment upon the public streets and highways of the city of Snyder, Texas:

Be it ordained by the City Council, of the City of Snyder, Texas:

Sec. 1. E. F. Renken, his heirs, successors, or assigns, is hereby authorized and empowered to erect, maintain and operate for the term of 25 years upon the public streets, alleys and highways of said City of Snyder, Texas, all poles, wires, posts, lamps and equipment of every description or kind that is necessary for the purpose of supplying light and power to the citizens of the said City of Snyder, Texas.

Sec. 2. The above privileges are granted upon the following conditions to-wit:

1st. The erection and construction of all poles or wires under the terms of this ordinance, and the extension and repairs of the plant and poles already erected shall be subject to and under the rules of the National Electric Code.

2nd. E. F. Renken, his heirs, successors, or assigns shall hold the City of Snyder, Texas harmless from any damages occasioned by the erection, construction and use of said electric light system in said city under the term of this franchise or ordinance, and shall pay as liquidated damages any sum or sums of money obtained against said city of Snyder, Texas, in the shape of a judgment in any court of competent jurisdiction, where said judgments shall be predicated upon any negligence in the erection, construction, or operation of said system, provided said E. F. Renken, his heirs, successors or assigns, shall have due and legal notice of such claims for damages in time to come in and defend against the same.

3rd. Said E. F. Renken, his heirs, successors or assigns by the acceptance of this ordinance and the operation of their system thereunder, oblige themselves to be controlled and rated by all the ordinances relating to electric light and electric companies now in force in said city, or any reasonable ordinance that may hereafter be adopted by said city council, and further obligate themselves at all times to recognize and be controlled by said City Council in the exercise of the police power of said City Council.

4th. The said E. F. Renken, his heirs, successors or assigns by the acceptance of this ordinance agree that all extension and the maintenance of their plant and property shall be up to date and commensurate with the size of the City of Snyder.

5th. That this ordinance shall become effective from and after its acceptance as herein provided.

Signed: J. Z. NOBLE, Mayor, Snyder, Texas.  
Attest: T. F. Baker, City Secretary, E. J. Anderson, Dep. City Sec. I hereby accept the terms and conditions as stated in the foregoing ordinance.

## THE CULTURE OF PEANUTS IN SCURRY

Scurry County has considerable land of a sandy loam that is adapted to the raising of peanuts. This is one of the most profit producing crops now on record, considering the attention required, and a ready market is always open for the supply.

Peanuts and cotton are planted at the same time and their growth is exceptionally rapid and extensive. Most of the sandy land sections are making a specialty of peanut culture and Texas having the largest peanut oil mill in the south, the supply is consumed as rapidly as it is grown.

Let Scurry county farmers give some attention to the production of peanuts.

Witness my signature, this 15th day of March, A. D. 1915.

Signed: E. F. RENKEN.

On rising vote Aldermen Maxwell, Bolin, Piekas, Monroe and Curnutte voted in favor of granting this franchise, there being no negative votes cast.

Committee appointed to draft butchering and slaughtering ordinance reported as follows:

An Ordinance—"Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Snyder, Texas, that from and after the passage and publication of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to own, operate, or permit any place on any premises owned or leased by him or them, any place where the butchering or slaughtering of any cattle, hogs, sheep or goats is carried on unless such butchering is done for the private use of the persons residing or residing such premises.

Any person violating this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction be fined in any sum not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$100 for each offense and each day butchering is carried on said day shall constitute a separate offense.

This ordinance on motion was adopted and ordered printed in a paper published in the city of Snyder, Texas.

J. Z. NOBLE, Mayor.  
Attest: T. F. BAKER, City Secretary, E. J. Anderson, Dep. City Sec.

The Committee appointed to obtain prices on Automobile Fire Trucks and cost of building to store City equipment in, reported that same had been under consideration and figures on building obtained, but that data on automobile truck was deferred until said building should be definitely settled upon. Said Committee was then instructed to obtain plans for building and bids thereon to be submitted at the next regular meeting of the Council for their action; the Council however, reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

On motion the City Secretary was instructed to advise the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company that in view of the service rendered rates of the City telephones in Snyder and of like offices were to bear a monthly rental of \$1.00 and on business telephones and telephones of like class were to bear a monthly rental of \$1.50, effective April 1st, 1915, or to show just cause why same should not be done.

On motion the Mayor was instructed to proclaim a period in the City of Snyder for residents of said city in destroy rats and sparrows, also nesting places of the said pests and to impress upon the citizens the necessity thereof. Said notice of proclamation to be published in a paper in the City of Snyder Texas.

Resignation of R. H. Curnutte, as Alderman in Ward No. 2 was read and accepted and the Mayor instructed City Secretary to post notices as required by law calling for an election to fill the vacancy of Alderman Curnutte, resigned.

Upon application of M. M. Adams, permit for the erection of an Airplane to be located on the West part of Block No. 3, Lot No. 2 on Plaid Street was granted provided it did not violate ordinance covering construction of buildings within designated fire limits of the City of Snyder.

## NO SECOND EXTRA SESSION EXPECTED

GOVERNOR DECLARES HE WILL NOT ISSUE CALL IF HE CAN PREVENT IT

### APPROPRIATIONS TO BE FIRST

Special Subjects for Submission Will Not Be Considered Until Revenue Measure is Passed.

Austin, Texas, March 10.—"There will not be a second called session of the Legislature if I can help it," Governor Ferguson said today, when asked if he contemplated another call after the first extra session that is inevitable in order to secure the enactment of that indispensable adjunct of the State Government—the General Appropriation Bill.

The Governor has also decided that April 23 is the day upon which he will reconvene the Legislature. His present intention is to issue the proclamation fixing the date. His further judgment is that unless some entirely unexpected emergency arises, Texas will have had after this special session enough legislation to last a couple of years.

A great many requests for the submission of subjects during the special session have been made. Indeed, as regularly as measures have been defeated in the Legislature of late, delegations of the friends of that proposition have visited the executive office asking the Governor to submit that particular subject to the special session.

"I have taken all these requests under advisement," the Governor said tonight. "I am not committed to the submission of anything except the Appropriation Bill to the special session. And I am not going to submit any other subjects until that is disposed of."

"When the Appropriation Bill is disposed of I will probably take up other matters."

### SPECIAL SESSION OF TEXAS LEGISLATURE

It is generally understood and will probably be confirmed today, that Gov. Ferguson will call a special session of the legislature beginning April 23rd.

This being the case, Representative T. F. Baker and family will not return to Snyder until about June 1.

### RAISING CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS SUNDAY

Last Sunday was an important day for the Methodist church in Snyder.

The pastor and the stewards had planned to call on the membership for cash and pledges in clear up the entire assessment for Conference claims and the people responded nobly and those who remained away were called upon later and it is learned that the greater part of the amount has been provided for and the church is now ready to go ahead along other lines of work.

### SUICIDE REPORTED AT POST CITY

Rumor is to the effect that a Mr. Crockett suicided at Post City last Tuesday. The particulars in the case have not been learned.

### BISHOP TEMPLE VISITED SNYDER LAST SUNDAY

Bishop Temple, of the diocese of West Texas was a distinguished visitor in Snyder last Sunday and he preached at Grace Episcopal Church.

The services were well attended and were highly interesting and profitable.

Bishop Temple is one of the strong ministers of his church and his sermons are always heard with profound interest.

## DISTRICT COURT NOW IN SESSION

TWO DAYS USED IN ORGANIZING, ARGUING DEMURRERS AND DIVORCE CASES

### CRIMINAL DOCKET NEXT WEEK

Grand Jury at Work—Dutch Jordan Case Set for Thursday, March 25—Special Venue of 75

The March term of the District Court is in session. Judge John B. Thomas, District Attorney Jas. P. Stinson and Court Reporter Jas. A. Hinkerson arrived here early Monday morning.

At 10 o'clock the clarion voice of Sheriff Merrell announced that the court was open.

Judge Thomas proceeded to organize and charge the grand jury and that body of inquirers, assisted by District Attorney Stinson and County Attorney Womms proceeded to look into the morals of the county.

The Court's charge was along general lines. He spoke with a degree of emphasis on the falsity of what is termed "The Unwritten Law." The charge covered practically all phases of the criminal code and the personnel of the body is a guaranty that all violations that may come to their knowledge will be judiciously handled and that bills will not be returned unless these men shall believe they can be made to hold good in the trial court.

The grand jury is made up of the following named well known citizens:

H. L. Huley, of Ira, Foreman; J. T. Higgs, Union, W. A. Louder, Bern, Leich, H. J. Brice, Snyder; T. J. Brockson, Snyder; W. B. Davis, Pahrana; J. C. Deakley, Omaha; L. O. Kimbrough, Kansas Creek; H. Y. Rea, Bernheim; H. C. McCormick, Crandall; J. D. Boone, Camp Springs; J. L. Patterson, Byron, riding halliffs; W. B. Moon, Frank McCulloch and J. P. Tate, Court bailiff, C. Nation.

The court put in the first two days at hearing the lawyers spar over demurrers and side issues. The celebrated Raleigh Medicine case had a prominent place on the calendar. A divorce case was the principal bill for Tuesday afternoon with M. E. Rosser as attorney for the plaintiff and Higgins a Hamilton for defendant.

The petit jury men had been summoned to be here on Wednesday and their came. The list of these was printed in the Signal two weeks ago.

Among the visiting attorneys are noticed Henry P. Hordley, of Sweetwater; J. Henry Beall, of Sweetwater; Scott W. Key, of Haskell; T. Vard Woodruff, of Sweetwater.

Following is a list of the cases disposed of:

One Maule vs. Madlie Maule, out for divorce. The petition of the plaintiff was denied by the court and defendant on her cross petition was granted divorce and permanent custody of the child and it is decreed by the court that neither party shall marry again for one year from date of the decree.

W. T. Raleigh Medical Company vs. George Barnhart, et al; same plaintiff vs. R. C. Heron, et al, and same plaintiff vs. W. B. Thrash et al, were before the court on Tuesday. There are all companion suits for debt stated by plaintiff for medicines furnished the defendants in course of their agencies for the plaintiff company.

The plaintiff was represented by H. H. Hordley of Sweetwater and the defendants by Higgins & Hamilton. The cases hung on general demurrers on the alleged ground that the contracts between the plaintiff company and its agents was in violation of the anti-trust laws of Texas. The court sustained the general demurrer in each case and threw the cases out of court. Plaintiff excepted and gave due notice of appeal.

H. E. Owens vs. W. E. Owens, suit for divorce and restoration of maiden name. Judgment for plaintiff.

State vs. J. O. McKillan, judgment defaulting witness, continued.

Alpha Newman vs. J. M. Newman, suit for divorce and custody of the children. Judgment for plaintiff.

Mrs. Martha Rawlings vs. Mattie

## A COMMERCIAL BODY ABSOLUTE NECESSITY

No town or city thrives quite so well without a commercial organization and it behooves the citizens of Snyder to consider the advisability of getting an active organization at the earliest possible time.

The matter has been discussed among some of the progressives and it seems to be the general opinion that a Chamber of Commerce should be created at once with an employed secretary.

The Signal would suggest a get-together banquet, engage a number of young ladies to sell tickets at \$1.00 a plate and pull off a real hoosier meeting right away.

Do it now.

Crain, et al, suit for partition. Cause dismissed.

Isadore Baker vs. A. J. Baker, suit for divorce. Dismissed.

Wessell Freytag vs. W. H. Baker, note and foreclosure, continued.

Wm. Pierce et al, vs. Perry Webb, et al, note and foreclosure, judgment for plaintiff.

N. Beaver vs. Fred Morris, notes and foreclosures, continued.

Mrs. W. T. Maury vs. H. V. Williams et al, notes and foreclosures, judgment for plaintiff.

Mrs. M. M. Marr et al, vs. C. E. Howell, notes and foreclosures, continued.

W. W. Smith vs. W. L. Gross, et al, Trespass to try title. This case involves title to a number of lots in Colonial Hill addition to Snyder. The trial was begun Wednesday with promise of a long drawn out contest with Higgins & Hamilton representing plaintiff and Perkins and Perkins for defendant.

The grand jury returned a bill against Dutch Jordan, charging murder. The accused was arraigned before the court and his case set for Thursday, March 25th and a special venire of 75 jurors ordered.

The case of Albert Tucker is set for Monday, March 22nd.

### DR. J. FRANK NORRIS COMING TO SNYDER

Bro. Tucker, pastor of the Baptist church has positive assurance that Dr. J. Frank Norris of Fort Worth will arrive here on April 15th to conduct a revival meeting at the Baptist church.

The feeling of this wonderful preacher is anticipated by the people with great interest.

Dr. Norris is a man of strong personality and he is a successful revivalist everywhere he goes. His past work and his coming through that furnace of tribulation has added force to his character and influence and his name is almost a household word wherever the secular or the religious papers have been read.

People who have heard him agree that there is a peculiar power about him that cannot easily be explained. Snyder people will now have the opportunity to see and hear him.

### BUILDING NEW HOME ON COLONIAL HILL

Mr. C. H. Felting is building a nice new residence on his lot just west of the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Harris on Caroline Avenue. He is having the yard leveled and will have a nice home. Mr. J. W. Owen has the contract for terracing and is making a good job of it.

### SNYDER COMPANY PLAY AT HOMECOME

The home talent company that so successfully presented "Ferguson of Troy" at the Snyder Opera House last week went over to Roscoe Monday night where Miss Terrell had arranged to put the play on as a benefit for the Mother's Club of that town.

It is learned that the company played to a large and appreciative audience and they presented the story in a manner quite satisfactory to the people.

## FERGUSON OF TROY A GREAT SUCCESS

PLAY WELL STAGED AND ENACTED BY OUR OWN LOCAL TALENT.

### ALTRURIANS REALIZE NICE SUM

Opera House Filled to Capacity—Proceeds Will Go Toward Civic Improvement Work

Again the truth has been demonstrated that the best and most interesting theatrical presentations ever witnessed in Snyder are those given by our home talent. The play given here last Friday and Saturday nights was especially entertaining.

"Ferguson of Troy" is being staged throughout the country under the direction of Miss Frankie Terrell, of Dallas, and she made a success of it here.

The play was given for the benefit of the Altrurian Club and with the assistance of those intelligent ladies, the cast of characters was quite happily selected from among the young people of the town, and each character showed remarkable adaptability for the special role assigned.

Stage talent is in a measure a gift and with study and practice, under skillful direction, becomes an accomplishment. Many of our student boys and girls have had experience before the foot lights and have learned how to present their lines in clear, comprehensive voice and manner highly creditable to them.

The story is written in catchy style and the actors brought out all the comedy, the pathos, the life, there is in it and the audience gave frequent expressions of appreciation.

The specialties were equally enjoyable.

The opera house was well filled on Friday night and the performance was so gratifying that the management consented to a return engagement in Saturday night and as is rarely true in such cases, the company played again to a splendid house.

It is learned that after all expenses were paid, the Altrurian Club received about \$45 as their share of the proceeds.

The entertainment had been well advertised. The elegant souvenir programs distributed in town were printed at the Snyder Signal office.

From here Miss Terrell went to Lubbock to put on her play in that town.

### CITY COUNCIL DEMANDS REDUCTION IN TELEPHONE RATE

The City Council in its regular course of consideration of public matters had occasion at their last meeting to discuss the telephone service in Snyder and take steps to have the service improved. Manager Duckett is doing everything he can to render good service, but the item of improvement is a matter that requires the attention of the company and certainly the business of Snyder and Scurry county is at no time so much as to merit favorable consideration.

At a recent meeting of the City Council, the Secretary was instructed to address the following letter to the Company:

Snyder, Texas, March 10, 1915:—Southwestern Tel. & Tel. Co., Fort Worth, Texas Gentlemen: At the regular session of the City Council of Snyder, held last night, March 15th, I was instructed by them to notify the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company, in view of the service rendered to the subscribers of Snyder, that, commencing April 1st, 1915, the said Company is directed to reduce rates on dwelling phones and phones of like class to a basis of \$1.00 per month and business phones and phones of like class to a basis of \$1.50 per month, or to show just cause why same should not be done.

Very truly yours,  
T. F. BAKER, Secretary

Mrs. Fred A. Graham left Monday afternoon for Coleman to visit relatives and friends for about ten days or two weeks.